

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for ensuring accurate font matching in exchanged documents, the method comprising:

forming a database of font specifications, the font specifications including at least two attributes of a font, each of the font specifications including a unique identifier, the unique identifiers are embedded in the documents at document creation and modification; and

accessing the database by a viewer when saving and opening documents to ensure usage of proper fonts, the viewer using the appropriate unique identifier, the font specification look up in the database for accurate font matching.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein accessing the database when storing further comprises obtaining a font list for a document being saved, and determining whether font specifications for each font in the font list exist in the database.

3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein when the font specifications do exist, the method further comprises retrieving the font specifications for each font from the database.

4. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein when the font specifications do not exist, the method further comprises creating the font specifications for each font.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 further comprising writing the font specifications into the document, and saving the document.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein accessing the database when opening documents further comprises retrieving font specifications from a document being opened.

7. (original) The method of claim 6 further comprising searching the database to locate each font specified by the font specifications in the document.

8. (original) The method of claim 7 further comprising retrieving each font located.

9. (currently amended) A system for ensuring accurate font matching in exchanged documents, the system comprising:
a database storage means; and
a computer processing means operating in conjunction with the database storage means, the computer processing means for forming a database of font specifications in the database storage means, the font specifications including at least two attributes of a font, each of the font specifications including a unique identifier, the unique identifiers are embedded in the documents at document creation and modification, and for accessing the database by a viewer when saving and opening documents to ensure usage of proper fonts, the viewer using the appropriate unique identifier, the font specification look up in the database for accurate font matching.

10. (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the computer processing means further

obtains a font list for a document being saved, and determines whether font specifications for each font in the font list exist in the database.

11. (original) The system of claim 10 wherein when the font specifications do exist, the computer processing means further retrieves the font specifications for each font from the database.

12. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein when the font specifications do not exist, the computer processing means further creates the font specifications for each font.

13. (original) The system of claim 12 wherein the computer processing means further writes the font specifications into the document, and saves the document.

14. (original) The system of claim 9 wherein the computer processing means further retrieves font specifications from a document being opened, searches the database to locate each font specified by the font specifications in the document, and retrieves each font located.

15. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing program instructions for ensuring accurate font matching in a document, the program instructions comprising:

forming a database of font specifications, the font specifications including at least two attributes of a font, each of the font specifications including a unique identifier, the unique identifiers are embedded in the documents at document creation and modification; and

accessing the database by a viewer when saving and opening documents to ensure usage of proper fonts, the viewer using the appropriate unique identifier, the font specification look up

in the database for accurate font matching.

16. (original) The program instructions of claim 15 wherein accessing the database when storing further comprises obtaining a font list for a document being saved, and determining whether font specifications for each font in the font list exist in the database.

17. (original) The program instructions of claim 16 wherein when the font specifications do exist, the method further comprises retrieving the font specifications for each font from the database.

18. (original) The program instructions of claim 17 wherein when the font specifications do not exist, the method further comprises creating the font specifications for each font.

19. (original) The program instructions of claim 18 further comprising writing the font specifications into the document, and saving the document.

20. (original) The program instructions of claim 15 wherein accessing the database when opening documents further comprises retrieving font specifications from a document being opened, searching the database to locate each font specified by the font specifications in the document, and retrieving each font located.